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### KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

*Monday, the 29th April 1974/Vaishaka 9, 1896 S. E.*

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Twelve of the Clock.

Madam SPEAKER (Smt. K. S. Nagarathnamma) in the Chair.

#### STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which Oral Answers were given)

#### PAYMENT OF MINIMUM WAGES, ETC., TO MINES' EMPLOYEES.

369. Sri ABDUL KHUDDL ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Bilikalbetta, Bhadigund, Kemmangundi Mines are owned by MI and SL; if not, who owns these Mines;

(b) whether Statutory obligation like payment of Minimum wages, Bonus, Medical facilities are extended to Mines Employees including contract Labour;

(c) whether the Office Bearers of MI and SL Mines Employees' Association are treated as 'Protected Employees'; if so, the reasons for transferring the Secretary and General Secretary;

(d) whether the Management has implemented the Bonus and Minimum Wages Act; if so, why the Management has not paid the Bonus to the Employees of Bilikalbetta and Kemmangundi Mines for the years 1970 upto date and Bonus to Bhadigund Mines for the years 1971 and 1972;

(e) the reason for not making payment of the salary of the Mines Foreman as fixed by the Wage Board?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(a) Yes. Owned by MI and SL.

(b) Yes.

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(c) Yes. The Office bearers of the Mines Employees' Association are declared as 'Protected Employees'. They have been re-transferred to their original places.

(d) Kemmangundi and Bhadigund Mines are covered under the Iron ore and Limestone Wage Board recommendations whereas Bilikalbetta Quartz Mine is not covered under any Wage Board. Minimum wages as recommended by the Wage Board are being paid to the employees of Bhadigund Mine.

In respect of Bilikalbetta Mines, minimum wages as arrived at in joint discussion with the Assistant Labour Commissioner (C) Bangalore the management and contractors are being paid.

No bonus has been paid by the contractors to their labourers for 1970 and 1971. Bonus for the year 1972-73 has been paid to the Contract Labour of Bhadigund Mines by the contractors. Bonus in respect of Bilikalbetta and Kemmangundi has not been paid by the contractors from 1970, but they are being persuaded to arrange payment.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (d) of the Question.

Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—The Hon. Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs has stated 'Yes' in answer to (a) and (b). At the same time, the Hon. Minister has stated that the Bonus will be paid by the Contractors. When there is the owner and the Manager, why should this responsibility be given to the Contractors?

†Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—According to the Bonus Act, the Company is not legally obligated to pay for the labourers engaged by the Contractors. It is the Contractors who has got to pay for it.

Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—The Hon. Minister has stated that the Mines mentioned in my question are owned by the MI and SL. It is the obligation on the part of the Manager to pay the Bonus. It is not the obligation of the Contractors to pay the Bonus.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—All those workers who come within the framework of the Mysore Iron and Steel Company Limited are being paid the Bonus and we take complete responsibility for them and not for those people who are appointed by the Contractors. This was the situation which was obtaining in that year, but after the Hon. Member made representations to the Company and the Government, now we have made it obligatory for the Contractor also to pay the Bonus. It is being deducted.

†Indicate that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

**Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.**—May I know from the Hon. Minister whether those Contractors pay the bonus for the year 1971-72 and 1972-73 also ?

**Sri S. M. KRISHNA.**—Bills of those Contractors are settled. I do not know whether those Contractors are still continuing with the Mysore Iron and Steel Company Limited. If they are continuing, then, this is a question on the part of the Management which will have to be taken up with the Contractors.

**Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.**—Is it not obligatory on the part of the Management to pay the Bonus if the Contractor does not pay under the Bonus Act ?

**Sri S. M. KRISHNA.**—I myself said that Bonus in respect of Bilikalbetta and Kemmangundi has not been paid by the Contractors from 1970, but they are being persuaded to arrange payment and that persuasion is still going on.

**ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಶ್ರೀರಾಮುಲು.**—ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್‌ಗಳಿಂದ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ 240 ದಿವಸ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಇದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರನ್ನು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಖಾಯಂಗೊಳಿಸಬಾರದು ?

**ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.**—ಅದು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಚಾರ.

**Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.**—The Hon. Minister has stated that Kemmangundi and Bhadigund Mines are covered under the Iron Ore and Limestone Wage Board recommendations whereas Bilikalbetta Quartz Mine is not covered under any Wage Board, The Bilikalbetta Mine workers also come under the purview of the Wage Board and their wages were fixed in the year 1969 itself and those workers are not getting any increment but whereas in the case of Kemmangundi and Bhadigund Mines, increments have been paid and other facilities have been given. Will the Government consider their request and give them all the benefits under the Act ?

**Sri S. M. KRISHNA.**—We shall convey it to the management and see that within the limitation of our own resources certain facilities which are legitimately and legally due to the labourers for their welfare are given to them.

## EXPANSION OF IRON AND STEEL FACTORY IN BHADRAVATHI.

490. **Sri B. BYRAPPAJI** (Turuvekere).—

Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any scheme before the Government for the expansion of Iron and Steel Factory in Bhadravathi during Fifth Five-Year Plan period ;